

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2015 – SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on August 17, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in the New Building (Gym), 183341 SR 525, Freeland, WA. Helen Price Johnson, Chair, Richard Hannold, Member, and Jill Johnson, Member were present.

Also attending were Bill Oakes, Public Works Director and Connie Bowers, Assistant County Engineer.

The Special Session was called for the purpose of holding a series of public hearings on proposed speed limit regulations specific to south Whidbey Island as follows:

- Ordinance C-82-15 (R-34-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Bayview Road
- Ordinance C-83-15 (R-35-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Burley Road
- Ordinance C-84-15 (R-36-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Fox Spit Road
- Ordinance C-85-15 (R-37-15) Regulating Speed Limit on French Road
- Ordinance C-86-15 (R-38-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Langley Road
- Ordinance C-87-15 (R-39-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Smugglers Cove Road
- Ordinance C-88-15 (R-40-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Swede Hill Road

For each of the proposed speed limit regulations Mr. Oakes provided an engineering analysis, diagrams, and his recommendations based on transportation studies used by his department.

**ORDINANCE C-82-15 (R-34-15) REGULATING SPEED LIMIT ON BAYVIEW ROAD**

The proposed ordinance would regulate speed limits along Bayview Road and around a school zone.

Public comments were offered by:

*(Emailed comments added to the Clerk's Record)*

- John Lovie *(Handout provided)*
- Gary Gabelein
- Sue Andrew
- Michael Soskin
- David Shoup
- Steve Eward *(Handout provided)*
- Trudie Tanner
- Ray Gabelein
- Richard Townsley
- Robert Brown
- Mike Noblet *(Handout provided)*
- Nancy Waddell
- Vivian Stembridge *(Handout provided)*
- Lance Porter *(Handout provided)*
- Nancy Hepp

There being no additional testimony, the public hearing was closed.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt Ordinance C-82-15 Regulating Speed Limit on Bayview Road. Motion died for lack of a second – No action taken**

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To coincide with an upcoming project at the Burley Road/Swede Hill intersection, the following two proposals were heard together.

- ORDINANCE C-83-15 (R-35-15) REGULATING SPEED LIMIT ON BURLEY ROAD  
As there is no speed limit provided in Island County Code for Burley Road, its speed is 50 miles per hour. The ordinance proposes to reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour the entire length of the road.
- ORDINANCE C-88-15 (R-40-15) REGULATING SPEED LIMIT ON SWEDE HILL ROAD  
As part of the Swede Hill/Burley Road intersection re-alignment project, the speed limit is required to be lowered in order to meet sight distance.

Commissioner Price Johnson opened the floor to public comment and there being none, the public hearing was closed.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

- **Motion by Commissioner Johnson to adopt Ordinance C-83-15 (R-35-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Burley Road, second by Commissioner Hannold. Motion carried 3-0**
- **Motion by Commissioner Johnson to adopt Ordinance C-88-15 (R-40-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Swede Hill Road, second by Commissioner Hannold. Motion carried 3-0**

ORDINANCE C-84-15 (R-36-15) REGULATING SPEED LIMIT ON FOX SPIT ROAD

A petition was submitted to reduce the speed limit on Fox Spit Road for its entire length. The proposed ordinance would reflect a change of speed from MP 0.00 (intersection with Saratoga Road) to MP 1.11 of 35 miles per hour and from MP 1.11 to MP 1.81 a speed of 20 miles per hour.

With no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion by Commissioner Hannold to adopt Ordinance C-84-15 (R-36-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Fox Spit Road, second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried 3-0**

ORDINANCE C-85-15 (R-37-15) REGULATING SPEED LIMIT ON FRENCH ROAD

A petition was submitted to reduce the speed limit on French Road from its current posted speed limit of 50 miles per hour from Maxwelton Road to Cultus Bay Road. The recommendation is from MP 1.40 to MP 1.98 a speed limit of 45 miles per hour.

Public comments were offered by:

*(Emailed comments added to the Clerk's Record)*

- Caryn Fong *(Handout provided)*
- Tessa Huey
- Virginia Keck
- Rusty Palmer
- Zia Gipson
- Loren Imes
- Nancy Waddell

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- Richard Davis
- Nancy Hepp

There being no additional testimony, the public hearing was closed.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion by Commissioner Johnson to adopt Ordinance C-85-15 (R-37-15) Regulating Speed Limit on French Road, second by Commissioner Hannold. Motion carried 3-0**

**ORDINANCE C-86-15 (R-38-15) REGULATING SPEED LIMIT ON LANGLEY ROAD**

The Public Works Department reviewed the posted speed limit on Langley Road and the speed limit provided in Island County Code. The proposed ordinance reflects a correction to both.

Public comments were offered by:

*(Emailed comments added to the Clerk's Record)*

- Chasity Smith
- Virginia Keck

There being no additional public comment, the public hearing was closed.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion by Commissioner Hannold to adopt Ordinance C-86-15 (R-38-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Langley Road, second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried 3-0**

**ORDINANCE C-87-15 (R-39-15) REGULATING SPEED LIMIT ON SMUGGLERS COVE ROAD**

The Public Works Department received a request to increase the speed limit on Smuggler's Cove Road from SR 525 to Lagoon Point Road (2.58 miles). The current posted speed is 40 miles per hour.

Public comments were offered by:

*(Emailed comments added to the Clerk's Record)*

- Steve Jordan

There being no additional comment, the public hearing was closed.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Motion by Commissioner Hannold to adopt Ordinance C-87-15 (R-39-15) Regulating Speed Limit on Smugglers Cove Road as presented, second by Commissioner Johnson.**

Commissioner Price Johnson offered an amendment that would modify the revision from a point of 0.58 miles north of Spahr Road to a point of 0.5 miles South of Westcliff Drive, formerly Mountain View Road. Motion to amend carried 3-0

The motion to adopt Ordinance C-87-15 (R-39-15) is amended to modify the revision from a point of 0.58 miles north of Spahr Road to a point of 0.5 miles South of Westcliff Drive, formerly Mountain View Road. The ordinance and Exhibit A will be revised and re-advertised for a future public hearing to take place in Coupeville. Motion carried 3-0

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Special Session adjourned at 8:15 p.m. following public hearings.

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ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Helen Price Johnson, Chair

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Richard M. Hannold, Member

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Jill Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

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Debbie Thompson, Clerk of the Board